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To: Richard Willette
Subject: Think of the Jewish Labor Committee for your end-of-year giving!
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Dear Rick ,

I'd like to ask you to make an end of the year contribution to the Jewish Labor Committee (JLC).

You can also become a JLC member or renew your membership. An individual membership is $36 and low-income is $18.

The JLC is a small organization on a low budget that gets a lot done.

Some of what JLC has done the past year:

- We picketed with UNITE HERE Local 26 hotel workers during their strike against Boston Marriott hotels that ended with a contract with that insures significant improvements to pay, benefits and protections.
- As part of the RaiseUp coalition we helped to win legislation allowing workers to take 12 weeks of paid family and sick leave. Now people who need to stay home to welcome a new child, take care of a sick loved one, or recover from an illness will be able to do so without worrying about losing their job or facing a financial crisis.
- Also as part of the RaiseUp coalition, we helped pass legislation to raise the minimum wage in Massachusetts to $15.
- We continue to support airport workers in their fight against wage theft and sexual harassment.
- We are currently standing with the National Grid United Steel Workers, Locals 12003 and 12012 who have been locked out of their jobs since June and who are fighting for increased safety protections and against cuts in pension benefits.
- Partnering with Matahari Women's Worker Center, we have been raising awareness about the rights of domestic workers in our state.

And as this year has clearly demonstrated, Jews also need allies. JLC has been working on that front as well. We do trainings on how to confront anti-Semitism so that our labor movement allies know how to respond to it.

We face the year ahead with concern. There are big challenges we will need to face. In the year ahead, we'll continue to stand up for the dignity of workers. We'll continue educating employers and employees about the Domestic Workers Bill of Rights; continue to work with the RaiseUp Massachusetts coalition to support working people and address income inequality. We will also speak keep speaking up against racism, anti-Semitism, and anti-immigrant activities.

At this critical moment, we at JLC need your help, your strength, your voice. We know that working people will need advocates even more in the year to come, as their supports come under attack. **As Jews, we know that the vulnerable need allies.**

What can you do?

Become a member - Your membership amplifies our voice with our elected officials and with local employers, and your membership donation helps make our work possible. JLC New England runs on a modest budget, and much of our vital work is carried out by dedicated volunteers. So membership contributions go a long way and have a real impact.

Become a volunteer - get involved in our political work at the State House, run an educational event at your synagogue, host a kitchen table talk for friends who employ domestic workers, come to a rally, or help with outreach and organizing for JLC. To find out more, please contact me at newenglandjlc@jewishlabor.org .

Make a donation - Even a small donation makes a big difference to us.

To find out more, please see JLC's website.

Thank you in advance for standing with JLC New England, and wishing you a very Happy New Year to you and yours,

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